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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Coordination with Immigration and
Naturalization Service

1. Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, called me to ask our assistance in staffing certain bills which must be signed by the President by 15 August, the last date on which they can be approved.

2. Of the 200-odd bills forwarded by the Congress at the end of the last session, 72 were private bills relating to Immigration matters. We are required to check the names in each such bill for possible derogatory information. Mr. Jones stated that he realized it would be an imposition, but asked if we could give priority to these 72 bills to help him get them ready by 11 August. I discussed this with Mr. [] and Miss [] of [] and found that they have set up procedures which enable us to service this requirement on enrolled bills with minimum of delay. Private bills are first checked when Immigration makes its report to the committees of the Congress. Consequently, when they come through in enrolled form on their way to the President, the only check required is whether there is any new information. This check is made by the Service Section of Registry under the supervision of [] and is so organized that it can normally be handled on a 24-hour basis.

3. In connection with the 72 bills referred to by Mr. Jones, almost 50 had been processed and returned to Immigration at the time I called, and the remainder in process, bringing the total to 67, would be returned to Immigration 6 August. The other 5 had been recently checked and did not require rechecking. I reported this to Mr. Jones, who was most pleased and said it was the only good news he had received all day.

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4. I believe [] and the Registry are to be complimented on the system they have set up and the manner in which they service this particular problem. Although not a function on the high-policy level, service of this type helps greatly to build the Agency's reputation for efficiency and cooperativeness.

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